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OMAHA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1924. *

TWO CENTS In Omaha and Council Bluffs.

RUMORED DEAD.RA

Brandeis to Cross-Word Puzzles Take Over Professor Burgess-Nash

Surplus Merchandising Corporation of New York Are Co-Purchasers; No Statements Made.

Sale Not Yet Confirmed

J. L. Brandels & Sons and the Sur plu Merchandising corporation of New York purchased stock of the Burgess Nash store Thursday morning with a

Herbert S. Daniel, receiver, close the sale following the making of this bid, and will report it to B. H. Dun ham, referee in bankruptcy, for al proval Thursday afternoon.

ham neither the Brandels nor the Surmake a statement regarding the fu-

In Private Office.

Receiver Daniel opened the sale at 10:30 in private offices at the Burgess-Nash store, with a large crowd within and without the offices.

The first and only other bid considered was one made by the Surplus Merchandising corporation, amounting to \$1,075,000. A few minutes later, John L. Kennedy, representing the Brandeis interests, arose and announced that the J. L. Brandels & Sons and the Surplus Merchandising corporation wished to make a joint bid, increasing the former bid by \$5,000. He explained that the two concerns were making the bid on an equal basis, each with one-half interest in it. There were no further bids.

General Creditors.

posits amounting to approximately indry notes, stationery, deposits on ture, furniture, fixtures and equipment and prepaid unexpired insurwhich is estin \$1.160,216 in value. The deal places holders of the assuringly at her.

total approximately \$158,000, in the role of general creditors. Company liabilities are said to total \$2,600,000. Effort to Continue.

In placing the joint bid Mr. Kennedy indicated that an effort would be made to continue the operation of the store. Neither he nor George Brandels would go into this matter until a little later, however.

Mark Woods, speaking for the Woods Brothers, declared that the

"We've got the brains and we've S. M. Goldberg of the Goldberg enterprises, was among those present at the sale. He declined to state his dead." connection with the transaction at present, declaring, however, that he considered the deal a satisfactory one. RUM AND AUTOS present, declaring, however, that he T. P. Redmond of the Burgess-Nash company declared he had no definite plans for the future, and that such plans would be contingent on de-

velopments of the near future. Receiver Daniel, in reading the order of sale, explained that it was ordered under a perishable property clause on the theory that now, during the Christmas shopping season, it could be sold for more than at any other time.

Text of Bid.

The bid signed by representatives of Brandeis and Surplus Merchandising corporation representatives read

"J. L. Brandels & Sos, and the Surplus Merchandising corporation, jointly, each with one-half interest, bid \$1,080,000 on exactly the terms and conditions outlined in the New York bid of the Surplus Merchandise corporation, and accept the reservations as outlined in the information furnished by the receiver.

"On this bid should be credited the cash items reserved by the receiver." Crediting the cash items reserved from sale amounting to \$499,000 to the bid the amount to be paid by the buyers is reduced to \$581,000.

Snow Delays Husking.

Callaway, Dec. 11.—Cornhusking vill be delayed for at least 10 days y the snow, as most of it is entirely povered up and large drifts are in the attained a record of 320 applications. | Seven Couples Wed

We Have With Us Today

David Wachtel, New York City.

David Wachtel, New York account ing expert, was sent to Omaha by New York interests to investigate the Burgess-Nash con any prior to its ale Thursday morning.

Mr. Wachtel is 41 and r graduate New York republican committee,

Old Stuff, Says

Chicago, Dec. 11.—And comes Paul Shory, head of the Greek de-partment of the University of Chi-cago, to shatter another illusion take the novelty out of the lat-

est fad—cross-word puzzles.

"Whaddayermean new?" says
Shory in effect, at least.

For, according to him, cross-word
puzzles made up of papyrus were
the rage in Greece 2,500 years ago.

Sister of McCoy Forgets Talk on Night of Slaving

As Witness for State, She Fails to Give Damaging Evidence Against Her Brother in Court.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11 .- Under the fire of direct examination of the prosecution, Mrs. Jennie Thomas, sister of Kid McCoy, ex-fighter, charged with the murder of Theresa Mors, divorced wife of an antique dealer, late today testified that she 'was not able to state' what her brother had told her after Mrs. Mors had died with a bullet through her brain. She was a witness for the the conduct of the Navy department. prosecution.

The records of the grand jury of August 13, which indicted McCoy, disclosed a direct question to Mrs. Thomas:

"You did not believe your brother when he told you that he had killed woman, did you?" "Certainly not." she replied.

On a question from the defense answered negatively.

She answered the prosecution today that she was "not able to state, and did not remember what he said" a disheveled, intoxicated condition, to make a will, leave his valuables, in cluding the jewelry Mrs. Mors had formerly worn, and threaten to "end

Throughtout the entire ordeal on the witness stand, Mrs. Thomas, a frail little woman, was evidently laboring under an intense emotional of the counsel table, smiled back re-

elry, encrusted with sparkling gems, which has figured so prominently and enigmatically in the killing of Mrs.

The new road will start at a point two miles north of Morrowville, and

The valuables consisted of a watch The valuables consisted of a watch fob, a brooch resembling a quaii and bridges will be required, six of which a bar pin, all heavily set with precious will be big concrete.

tends, and according to testimony, bidding was spirited. The grading ing. was worn daily by Mrs. Mors and is alleged to have been taken from the tion company of Ottawa, Kan., the was entirely satisfactory to body by McCoy after the woman was big bridges and the drainage work to slain.

> Mrs. Thomas, the sister, testified the night he visited her house, made the will and announced his intention of "ending it all because Theresa was

WILL NOT MIX

Motorists who are convicted of driving an automible while intoxicated need hope for no mercy in South Omaha police court. Judge Dineen announced Thursday morning that every such offense would meet with a jail sentence.

He put this program into effect by sentencing H. E. Billington, 4725 South Twenty-first street, to spend 15 days in jail. Billington had pleaded guilty to the charge.

St. Louis Insurance Man

Information reached Omaha today that David Alberstein of St. Louis, Mo., representing the Bankers Re serve Life company of Omaha, has just broken the world's record for written and completed applications call the docket and take up 20 divorce ber 4, 1923.

ecured in a month's time. Starting on November 10 Mr. Alberstein wrote his first day 26 applications, and closed the 30-day period with a total of 331 applications of which 324 were completed.

His highest single day total was 41, and his lowest day six. Mr. Alberstein is receiving warm congratulations from insurance men upon his great achievement. The trict Clerk Lenhart as members of previous world's record was recently held by a South Carolina man who

Red River Oil Field

Lease Hearings Held Washington, Dec. 11.-The Interior department hearing to determine whether any of the 187 claimants are entitled to leases and permits in the section sought by this concern, argucontinue throughout tomorrow.

Torrington Store Robbed.

her of the Union league and . the \$1.400 worth of merchandise in a G. W. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. W. at 130 a. m. Saturday will be "The New York republican committee. F. McCrea. Struggle in the Night."

Naval Br Is Passed by Senate

Authorized by Measure for Larger Sea Force; 8 Cruisers, 6 Gunboats.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- The senate

in China and the conversion of six battleships from coal to oil burners.

The measure was passed by the nouse and senate last session but was held up by a motion by Senator King, democrat, Utah to reconsider which was defeated today.

Appropriations for the program wil be asked in the navy supply bill for next fiscal year, Chairman Hale of tion today, demanding "an exhaustive and comprehensive investigation of

He declared the department "inefficient and not up to the standards expected by the American people. "There is a feeling." he continued 'that there is inefficiency in the pe there has been a distinct deteriora tion in the navy in the last four

vears. He favored consideration by the asking whether her brother had told navy of the air and submarine prob-her that he had killed a woman, she lems and served notice that when the lems and served notice that when the navy supply measure came up he would ask further inquiry into nav

conditions. Chairman Hale said Senator King's esolution for a naval inquiry "would receive every consideration when it came before the committee.

CONTRACTS LET

tract, amounting to \$125,000, was let This was the highest cash price sioners here, after a two-day session Once during the day there flashed before the jury a handful of the jew-elry, encrusted with sparking gens kind in this county.

pass west through Haddam, to the west line of Washington county. It

Fifty bidders from Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska were present, and throughout yesterday and this mornwas awarded to the Cook Constructhe Wayland Bridge company, of the virtual paralysis of the omnibus Washington, Kan., and the smaller and tramway services. Buses were

ompany of Fairbury. With open weather work on the project is expected to be started in the near future.

JOBLESS, WOMAN

broken and her position lost, Miss Josephine Tassert, 28, gave up the unequal struggle against life today and committed suicide by jumping AIRPLANE SPEED into Lake Michigan.

Witnesses testifying at the coroner's inquest said Miss Tassert walked out to the end of a long pier, stood gazing at the water for a time, and then leaped into the water. Her body was recovered by members of the United States coast guard,

Breaks World's Record Judge Moss to Hold Brief

Court Session at Beatrice Beatrice, Dec. 11.-Judge W. J.

The case of the state against Ed Date Set for Schuerman ward Schuermann, DeWitt farmer charged with the murder of Georg Reinmiller at DeWitt last October will probably be set for trial at this term of court.

One of the first official acis of the court was to appoint Dr. J. I. Mc the insanity commission.

Over 50 Years Form Club at Painee City

Pawnee City, Dec. 11.-As the result of their chance meeting at the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. 35, wife of a farmer, living near Oke entitled to leases and permits in the south half of the Red River oil field late today took up consideration of the Burk divide company case of the Burk divide case of the Burk divid the Burk divide company case. On have all celebrated their fiftieth wed James, daughter of the late Ed E account of conflicting claims to the ding anniversary, formed a club and James, pioneer resident of Blue ments on this claim are expected to pledged themselves to meet once a Springs. She had been in her usual ments on this claim are expected to year as long as they continued to live health the day before her death. here. The pioneer residents who are the club's charter members are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeport, Dec. 11.—Thieves en T. A. Laird, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. J. the subject of Rabbi Frederick Cohn's tered the store of the Torrington Moss, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Little, Mr. sermon at Temple Israel at 8 p. m of Columbia university. He is a mem. Dry Goods company and carried off and Mrs. D. C. Stratton, Dr. and Mrs. Friday. His subject at the services

agenics' Plan of Health Head **Creates Furore Among Omahans**

City in Uproar Over Proposal to Annul Childless Marriages -License Clerk Declares Himself Ahead of Doctor in Demand for Strict Rules.

Spirited discussion was started by Health Commissioner Expenditure of \$110,000,000 A. S. Pinto, when he announced Wednesday his ideas on Perpetrators of Greatest Theft physical examination of those contemplating marriage, and revocation of marriage licenses in case of deliberate avoidance of the responsibilities of parenthood.

Among the many comments heard, there is a slight balance of opinion hat the doctor is right in his contention for state-wide physical examinations of applicants for marriage licenses. In the main, there was general assent 6 Battleships Converted to his entire program, although some thought the commissioner was too dical or that he could not obtain the ends desired through law. No Thought of Home.

The doctor charged that many women who are in business, take unto nemselves husbands and then continue in their work with no thought of establishing a home and family. He charged that many are married erely to legalize a condition which is not otherwise permitted by law. One of the commentators on the Pinto plan insisted that it is not possible o legislate for the little fellow with a bow and arrow. Several believe that the health commissioner's two-year revocation proposal is not practical, The weight of comment is in favor of Dr. Pinto, even among those who say his program could not be carried out by law.

Dr. Pinto's utterances have taken Omaha by the ears Some of the comments follow:

Would Make it Stricter. narriage license clerk, endorses Dr. that apartment houses and business Pinto's program, but would make it He would establish a state most of the divorces. beard which would make all physical examinations of applicants for marriage permits.

"If the matter is left in the hands of the private physicians, any applicant will be able to obtain a permit, whether he is physically fit or not." Stubenderff said. "The state board would not be so likely to grant permits through personal friendship."

the two-year limit on childless Herbert H. (Cupid) Stubendorff, matches, and agreed with Dr. Pinto Judge Scoffs Plan.

relations court, scoffed at Dr. Pinto's being remembered.

"It is ridiculous," he said. "The two-year limit is entirely impractical, even if it were advaable. As for apartments and business careers, they are not menaces. Women nowastubendorff heartily approved of days are more independent, and this (Turn to Page Four, Column One.)

Cash Wheat Sells Fraud in Stock for \$1.70 in Omaha

Carload of Grain From Wy- President of Defunct Hum- forth. The gates closed a burly man oming Brings Season's Highest Price.

Cash wheat reached a price of \$1.70 on the floor of the Omaha Grain exhange Thursday.

Sheridan, Wyo., was sold by Harry FOR NEW HIGHWAY Cochrane of the Nebraska Consoli. Wanted on the charge of selling stock dated Mills company to C. N. Ogden in his firm without authority from Washington, Kan., Dec. 11 .- A con- of the Vincent Grain company. paid for any of this year's crop wheat in Omaha. It is to be shipped to an outside mill.

The new road will start at a point LONDON IN GRIP

London, Dec. 11 .- London today was still in the grip of one of the worst fogs in years. It descended upon the city Tuesday night and continued

subways with unwonted numbers and got the money," he said. "All now that McCoy gave her the jewelry on bridge work to the Interstate Bridge able only to crawl, snail-like, through the inky mist, occasionally bumping the curbs and one another.

lisions yesterday. Telegraphic reports indicate the fog

extends to a large degree over half of Europe. IUMPS OFF PIER The cost to London is estimated at \$5,000,000. Much shipping is held up Chicago, Dec. 11.-Her health and the crews of many vessels fogbound in the Thames are short of

RECORD BROKEN

Marseilles, France, Dec. 11 .- Adjutant Bonnett, the French aviator, broke the world's speed record for one kilometer for airplanes at the Bas BRITISH LINER Astres airdrome near here today with an average of 449 kilometers per hour it was announced from the airdrome. The record of 429.025 kilometers has been held by Lieut. A. J. Williams of Moss of Fairbury is holding a brief the United States navy, who made it term of district court here. He will at Mitchel seld, Long Island, Novem-

Murder Trial at Beatrice

Beatrice, Dec. 11 .- Edward Schuer man. Dewitt farmer, arraigned in district court on the charge of murdering George Reinmiller at Dewitt last Oc Girr, ex-Judge Pemberton and Dis tober, pleaded not guilty and Judge Moss set the case for hearing Wed nesday, December 17. The court appointed W. A. Vasey to assist the plant to be added to the present water county attorney in prosecuting. F. W. plant here. The filtration plant is Bartos of Wilber will represent the

Mrs. Sapp Dies Suddenly at Farm Home Near Oketo, Kan. Wymore, Dec. 11 .- Mrs. R. E. Sapp

Sermon Subjects. "The Ten Commandments" will be

week. The boys, they are not yet 25, Sales Charged

boldt Brick Company Arrested at Chicago.

Falls City, Dec. 11.-Joseph L. cage, according to word received by indictments charging concealing In this connection Young quoted Sheriff Albert Young.

In this connection Young quoted General Dawes' letter of transmittal:

The warrant for Buckley's arrest was drawn on the complaint of John L. Beard of Humboldt, who is said to they will be brought back to Coun- hardship and give it an unfair ad-OF HEAVY FOG have lost \$20,000. Total losses to cil Bluffs where they will once again vantage in the industrial competition Humboldt men will exceed \$40,000 fight for their liberty before a jury of the future." it is said.

The warrant for Buckley's arrest at a bankruptcy hearing before Reeree Dunham Tuesday but left before the warrant could be served on rain filled the air and made driving

CARIAS LEAVES

of General Carias from the race for Phillips, man pile crawled into the the presidency of Honduras, where engine cab and asked to ride a short when the name Dawes' became attioning, and is said to have returned he has been the outstanding figure way. Quinby was agreeable. in the warfare of the last year or so. was announced today in authentic advices received here.

The report said General Carias definitely withdrew his candidacy, Depresidential candidate of the national

Leaders of the national party, the INDIAN PAYMENT port said, had selected Senor Paz Barahona as their candidate for president and Presentacion Quesada for vice president.

FLOATED AGAIN

iner Arcadian, which went ashore on an Osage Indian. the Shingles near the Needles in a Chief Justice Taft at the concludense fog, was refloated at high tide slop of the argument of counsel for about 7:30 this evening. It expects Webster, announced that the court to land its passengers at Southamp- had decided, after a brief conference ton tomorrow morning.

Omaha Firm to Draw Plans

Omaha has been selected by the city other questions involved. council to draw up plans and specifications for the \$50,000 filtration Fillmore County Farm to be completed before July. This addition is expected to give

he Falls City water plant a daily apacity of 1,500,000 gallons or han twice the present deed.

Flying 'Round the World

For two hours, in a pitchblack night, America's world filers worked in ice-cold waters of Dutch Harbor to save their ships from a snow-filled gale. But one hardships experienced in their history making flight.

Turn to page 6 and read this chapter in the lives of six daring

Bluffs Mail Porto Rican Cards Robbers to Election Washington.

in History of Service Rearrested After Release From Prison.

Held on Old Indictment

ear in which the bandits escaped to right the wrong. with the loot from America's largest mail robbery, November 13, 1920, in mittee." Council Bluffs, is in jail again. Fred Poffenbarger, jr., a member of the bandit gang is also in jail

They were both liberated from th federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., last week and were rearrested as the great gate of the institution

swung shut behind them. Again the memories of the greates mail robbery, the sudden leap to notoriety of "the second Carlisle," the heroism of a girl who refused to let her love interfere with her duty and Judge L. B. Day, of the domestic all the other facts of that day are

Run Into Arms of Marshal.

Collins and Poffenbarger had been sentenced to serve 15 and 18 years respectively in the Leavenworth Young, in his first penitentiary for the robbery. After they had entered the prison they ap pealed the conviction and, on a tech-With good behavior to help the terms expired simultaneously last

had paid for the mistake. They were for them and they walked

"All right boys we'll go to Kansas

Kansas City. They had visions of

Held on \$5,000 Bond.

At Kansas City, Kan, they faced their negation of the property of their negation of the property of their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely their negation of the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon their industries and dition, was still alive but "extremely the taxation which its neighbors had to impose upon the impose upon t the United States commissioner, were their people in order to pay their war

arrested at Chi held under bond of \$5,000 each on debts. bond

The robbery for which the boys were sent to the penitentiary was the was issued November 8 and copies largest ever perpetrated in America. of it were sent to Omaha and Chi The loot was something more than cago police. He appeared in Omaha \$3,000,000. The exact amount of the loss was never definitely ascertained. On the night of the robbery a misty

of either trains or autombiles diffleult. Alonzo Quinby, at the throttle of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy HONDURAN RACE mail train for Chicago, began to draw his train from the Union Pacific to Dawes committee, someone has to have passed in Council Bluffs. Washington, Dec. 11.—Withdrawal transfer in Council Bluffs, Merie to stand up and take the garbage Mary Carlson, his supposed wife, Phillips, mail pil c crawled into the or the garlands. Let me say that was released by police after ques-

Boy Weak Spot in Crime. After a stop near Indian creek, befere the Council Bluffs station was A clerk on one of the mail cars nocember 9, and agreed to support the ticed a mail sack lying by the right-

Washington, Dec. 11,-The constitutionality of the law under which authorized to restrict to \$1,000 the regular quarterly payments made to tificates of competency was sustained by the supreme court today in Southampton, Dec. 11.-The British a case brought by Nicholas Webster,

on the bench, that it would sustain the validity of the laws attacked. The chief justice added, however, that the court would announce later! for Falls City Water Plant whether the entire proceeding should Falls City, Dec. 10 .- The Prince be dismissed, or transferred to the cir-& Nixon Engineering company of cuit court of appeals for a review of

nutrition progress during the past and arbitrary bank rates year and Mrs. F. S. Manning on

ditions in Fillmore county last year

\$500,000 to farmers by late planting of wheat. Eighty per cent was seeded late to avoid the Hessian fiv menace. Officers elected for the year are: President, Clark Yates; vice presilent, Herbert Howarth, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Pearl Burns; executive board for two years, Mrs. Wilson Miller; one year, William Podlesak and Harry Bergstrend

Protest Last

ience found in their mail today holiday greeting of an unusual char acter. Neatly printed in old English on card of the kind approved by the best stationers was this inscription: "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the people of Port

"The Porto Rican elections held November 4, 1924, are the greatest outrage upon American citizenship ever committed. "Fraud, violence, corruption,

"When the time comes and all the facts are laid before you, please help

Young Gives His Version of Dawes

"Porto Rican elections protest con

Former Agent Genearl Says Honor of Fostering Scheme Was Dubious One in Earlier Stages.

Reparation Plan

New York, . Dec. 11 .- Owen D. Council Bluffs and Omaha, But when the limit of the burden of taxation the man explained that he was a for debt paying purposes which Ger-United States officer and that they many should be asked to impose upon were again under arrest they went her industries and which would be

Kansas City jail in default of the "More than this limit could not be a telegram received this morning by expected and less than this would Late this week or early next week relieve Germany from the common

Honor Dubious at First.

In speaking of the popular custom of calling it the "Dawes plan" and vealed that the honor was a dubious

one when it was instituted. "I remember some time during the first two weeks in Paris," he said. ing Hal Epperson, alias Harry Sin-"when the name of 'experts committee was gradually giving way to the Monday night for questioning name of 'Dawes committee' and when garding an alleged blackmailing things did not look very hopeful the scheme. if the bouquets would be all of the back door variety.

Young said great credit should be MASONS TO HOLD reached, the boy jumped off the train. given to the great banking firms which have aided in the execution of the plan through advances to Germany, both on public and private credits. These advances should con- will hold a Christmas party at Matinue in such amounts as may be some temple at 8 p. m. December 17. deemed from time to time safe and The drill corps of Mount Calvary LAW IS UPHELD wise under circumstances then existing, he said. They should not be overdone. If this were done, he said, we could make the German credit situthe secretary of the interior is tion steady rather than fluctuating.

Steady German Growth.

The surest rehabilitation of Germany will be a steady and healthful growth and there should be no encouragement for it to react from this great depression into an unhealthy boom, Young said, and continued: Shoals bill. "Then, too, as stated in the plan, the restoration of Germany is not an end in itself, it is only a part of the 000 program. larger problem of the reconstruction of Europe. It is not German credit wave lengths was abandoned by the and German currency alone which commerce department. need to be restored in order that financial stability may return to the al conference on outdoor recreation

Our low bank rates and our greatly neighbors, but to help ourselves. By gram for the army, restoring foreign credits we will in Liquor treaties Bureau Work Outlined crease our export markets particular France, the Netherlands and Panama Geneva. Dec. 11.-At the all-day ly for our excess food supplies; by were approved by the senate foreign neeting of the county farm bureau stabilizing foreign currencies we will relations committee. Tuesday, Prof. H. C. Filley of Lin-restore throughout the world the free coln, spoke on taxation and H. G. flow of commodities, including gold, appropriation bill carrying \$50,000. Gould, supervisor of extension work. When that shall have been done, we non for road construction and \$44,000, spoke on agricultural interests. Mrs. shall hear less in this country and poo for other purposes, Wilson Miller, reported on food and rightly so, of artificial price levels

The Weather

Clark Yates estimated the saving of

Labor Head Recovering Says Report

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Patience is bitter, but it's fruit

After Day of Conflicting Dispatches, Officials of Railroad Announce News of Death Was Unfounded.

Condition Not Critical

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 11 .- A private ials of El Paso this afternoon from Mexico City stated that Samuel Gompers. American Federation of Labor chief, was seriously ill, but had not succumbed. The message state that word had just been received that the train was nearing Monterey, Nuevo Leon, and Gompers was rest-

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 11 .-Samuel Gompers, veteran United States labor leader, is rapidly improving according to a telegram received by the general agent of the National Lines of Mexico at Nuevo Laredo at 4 this afternoon. The message was from the conductor of the train. His condition was not criti-

The telegram said Gompers will be visited by physicians when the train reaches Saltillo late this afternoon,

By JEFF M'LEMORE, Former Congressman From Texas By Universal Service. Laredo, Tex., Dec. 11 .- "Gompers" ondition is greatly improved and he s expected to reach Laredo tomorros morning.

That is the text of a private message received at 5 this evening at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, just across The message was sent from the Bernado railroad station through

which Gompers' train had passed. Mexico City, Dec. 11 .- After a day of conflicting reports, the offices of

The report to the National railways came as a result of investigation of General Gomez, stating that Gompers.

had died at San Nicolas, a small town near San Luis Potosi. The train carrying the Gompers party is expected to reach Luredo, Tex., tomorrow morning, the National

railways ansouncement said.

of calling it the "Dawes plan" and MAN STILL HELD IN the "Dawes committee," Young re-BLACKMAIL PLOT

Council Bluffs police are still hold-

YULETIDE PARTY

Bellevue chapter No. 7 and Florence commandery No. 1 will give an ex

Summary of the Day in Washington

The senate considered the Muscle The senate approved the naval construction bill authorizing a \$110,000. Reallocation of radio broadcasting

The advisory council of the Nation began a two-day meeting.

It was decided to appoint a congresincreased gold supply will, if used sional committee to investigate the wisely, enable us not only to aid our question of a permanent housing pro-Liquor treaties with Canada.

The house passed the agriculture

The treasury accepted statemer's of British Chancellor Churchill allied debts as "obvious and logical" and withheld further comment. Commissioner Benson of the ship-

ping board before a house commit-

tee, opposed separation of the board For 14 hours ending 7 p. m., Decem- from operations of the merchant fleet. Commerce department figures place 28.28, ed the death rate in the registration area of the United States in 1823 at 12.3 per 1,000 against 11.8 in 1922. Postmaster General New, It was

learned, will advise congress that to increase postal pay, increased rates on all service except letter mail will